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CONTINENTAL SHELF DISPUTE

FOLLOWING IS EMBASSY'S INFORMAL TRANSLATION OF TEXT OF
TUNISIAN-LIBYAN JOINT COMMUNIQUE ISSUED IN TUNIS ON
AUGUST 24:

" WITH THE AIM OF REINFORCING NEIGHBORLY AND
COOPERATIVE RELATIONS BETWEEN THE TWO FRATERNAL COUNTRIES,
THE TUNISIAN AND LIBYAN GOVERNMENTS HAVE DECIDED, BY
COMMON CONSENT, TO SUBMIT THE PROBLEM OF DELINEATING THE
CONTINENTAL SHELF TO THE INTERNATIONAL COURT OF JUSTICE
FOR IT TO SETTLE ONE AND FOR ALL THIS QUESTION.

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" IN THE MEANTIME, CONSULATATIONS WILL CONTINUE BETWEEN

THE TWO PARTIES WITH A VIEW TO FINDING AN INTERIM
FORMULA TO EXPLOIT IN COMMON THE PORTION OF THE CONTINENTAL
SHELF UNDER DISPUTE IN A FRAMEWORK TO BE DECIDED JOINTLY
BY THE TWO SIDES, BOTH OF WHOM WILL COMMIT THEMSELVES
("S'ENGAGERONT") TO APPLY THE DECISION PASSED BY THE
INTERNATIONAL COURT OF JUSTICE."
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